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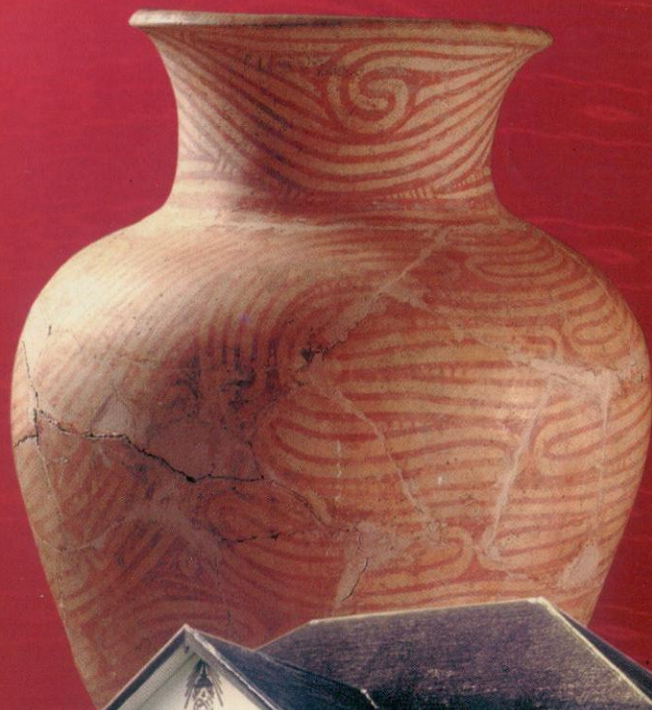
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UDON THANI

a world heritage province



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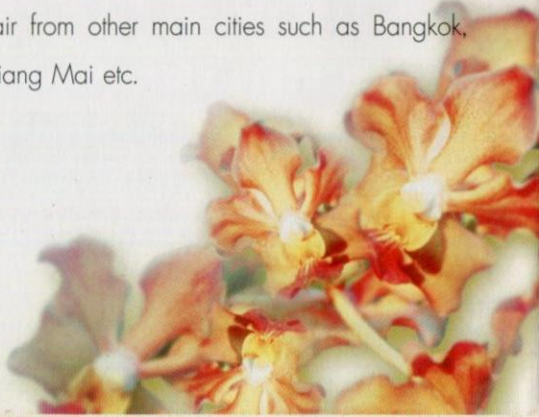
*“ Waterfall from Phuphan Range,
Land Of Dhama,
5,000 Year Civilization,
City of Kbit Fabric,
Nong Prajak Lake,
Udon Sunshine Fragrant Orchid ”*

Topography

Udon Thani is located on a plateau of the North-Eastern region of Thailand having an area of 15,589 square kilometers along the plain of Mekhong and Chee rivers and approximately 564 kilometers from Bangkok.

As a large province in the kingdom, Udon Thani has played the role of a gate way to Indo-china and the center of the upper-northeast of Thailand. It is just only 80 Km. South of Vientian, the capital city of Laos PDR.

Visitors can travel easily to Udon Thani by buses trains and by air from other main cities such as Bangkok, Pattaya and Chiang Mai etc.



Its boundaries are:

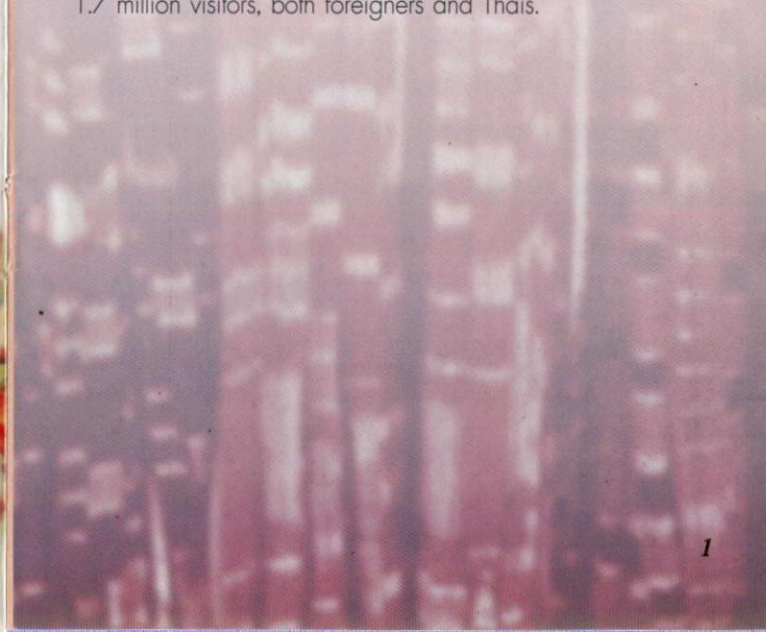
North:	borders to: Nong Khai Province
South:	borders to: Khon Kaen and Kalasin Province
East:	borders to: Sakon Nakhon Province
West:	borders to: Loei and Nongbua Lamphu Province

Land Feature

In the Western region is mainly highland with forest along Phuphan range and drains to Huay Luang and to Mekhong River in the North-East of the province. The main area is suitable for rice farming and other agricultural work.

ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Udon Thani is divided into 20 Amphoes (districts), 155 Tambon (sub-districts), 1,738 villages and 50 communities, with the population of 1.6 millions. It is 7th largest Province in Thailand. In 2004, Udon Thani has welcomed 1.7 million visitors, both foreigners and Thais.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Udon Thani tourist attractions can be divided into 3 categories:

1. Natural places : Yoong Thong waterfall, Than Ngam waterfal, Phu Foilom and Kham Chanode
2. Historical sites : Ban Chiang World Heritage, Phu Pha Bat historical park. Udon Thani Museum.
3. Land of Dharma : Wat Pa Ban Tad, Wat Pa Ban Kho, Wat Pa Na Kham Noi, Wat Pa Udom Samakkee, Wat Pa Pracha Chumpon, Wat Pa Bunnyanusorn, Wat Tham Sahai, Wat Tham Pha Daeng, Wat Pa Santikawat, Wat Pa Ban Poem

The main tourist attractions are : Ban Chiang world heritage site, Phu Pha Bat Historical Park, Phu Foi Lom, many forest temples. The famous souvenirs are silk, local fabrics, food stuffs and perfume.

The tourist attractions in this brochure are in four directions of Udon Thani, Phu Pha Bat in the North, Ban Chiang in the East , Phu Foi Lom in the South and Huay Luang in the West . Tourists visit these main places will see

other things on the ways which may help visitors understand Udon Thani better.

Udon Thani Museum,(Rachinuthit School)

This museum has been re-decorated the former Rachinuthit school to exhibit the history, devenlopment, cultural change of Udon Thani. The building and the location which is connected to Nong Prajak Park is a worth visiting in City Tour.

Ban Chiang National Museum.

The surveying and excavation of Ban Chiang during 1974-1975 was done by the cooperation of Department of Fine Arts and the University of Pennsylvania , USA and found that the area had been the settlement of prehistoric people who were agriculturists during 1,800 - 5,600 years ago. The findings were bronze, iron utensils, terra-cotta, glass like beads, woven cloth. They even cultivated rice.

Ban Chiang National Museum was established in 1987 exhibiting excavation of Ban Chiang and adjacent sites. The exhibition is comprising of terra cotta and painted pottery. The latter is considered a symbol of Ban Chiang. Bronze tools are 5,600 years old and iron tools are 3,600 years old.

Ban Chiang National Museum is divided into 3 parts.

1. Pra Sri Nakarintara Borommaratcha Chonnanee building: It was built by the aid of John F. Kennedy Foundation and completed in 1987. The exhibition is divided into two parts which are Ban Chiang in the past, presenting excavated findings and the other part shows the way of life of Ban Chiang people at present, who are Tai Puan.



2. Tai Puan House (a typical house style) :

Tai Puan House is 700 meters to the south-east of the Ban Chiang National Museum which formerly belonged to Mr. Pot Montriphithak and was donated to the Department of Fine Arts. Many archeological findings were found from the excavation at this area. The King and the Queen visited this site on 20 March, 1972.

3. Wat Phosri Nai Site :

Wat Phosri Nai site is 500 meters from Ban Chiang National Museum to the east. This place exhibits the archeological findings in original settings as they were found together with explanations of Ban Chiang civilization.

Ban Chiang as world heritage :

Ban Chiang archeological site leaves important trace of civilization and how people adapted to the environment harmoniously. We could learn how they solved different problems. In 1992 the committee of World Heritage had registered Ban Chiang civilization as world heritage No. 359 in accordance with standardization No. 3 which represents the uniqueness.

Ban Chiang National Museum

**Tambon Ban Chiang,
Amphoe Nong Harn,
Udon Thani province**

Tel. 0-4220-8340

Fax. 0-4220-7341

Opening time 08.30

Closing time 17.00

**OPEN
DAILY**



Historical Park Of

PHU PHA BAT

Historical Park of Phu Pha Bat is located on "Phu Pha Bat" which is a part of Phu Phan range, the west of Udon Thani with average elevation of 320-350 meters from sea level or 120-160 from the plain. It is 11 kilometers from Amphoe Banphue. Geological evidence suggested that in millions of years this region had been covered with glacier. When the glacier moved down with the gravity it created erosion of the earth

surface as a consequence we see rocks of various shapes.

Approximately 3,000-2,500 years ago there were traces of prehistoric people hunting and collecting forest products on this mountain. Stone wall paintings can be found in various locations with palms, animals,

geometrical shapes painted red. Some of these paintings reflects ways of life of people and animals of ancient days. During historic time this area had been utilized regularly. Many locations seemed to have been the places of ceremonial performance. Places were named from the folk tale of "Usa-Baros" which is believed to be real and happened in this locality such as, Hor Nang Usa (Usa's tower), Wat

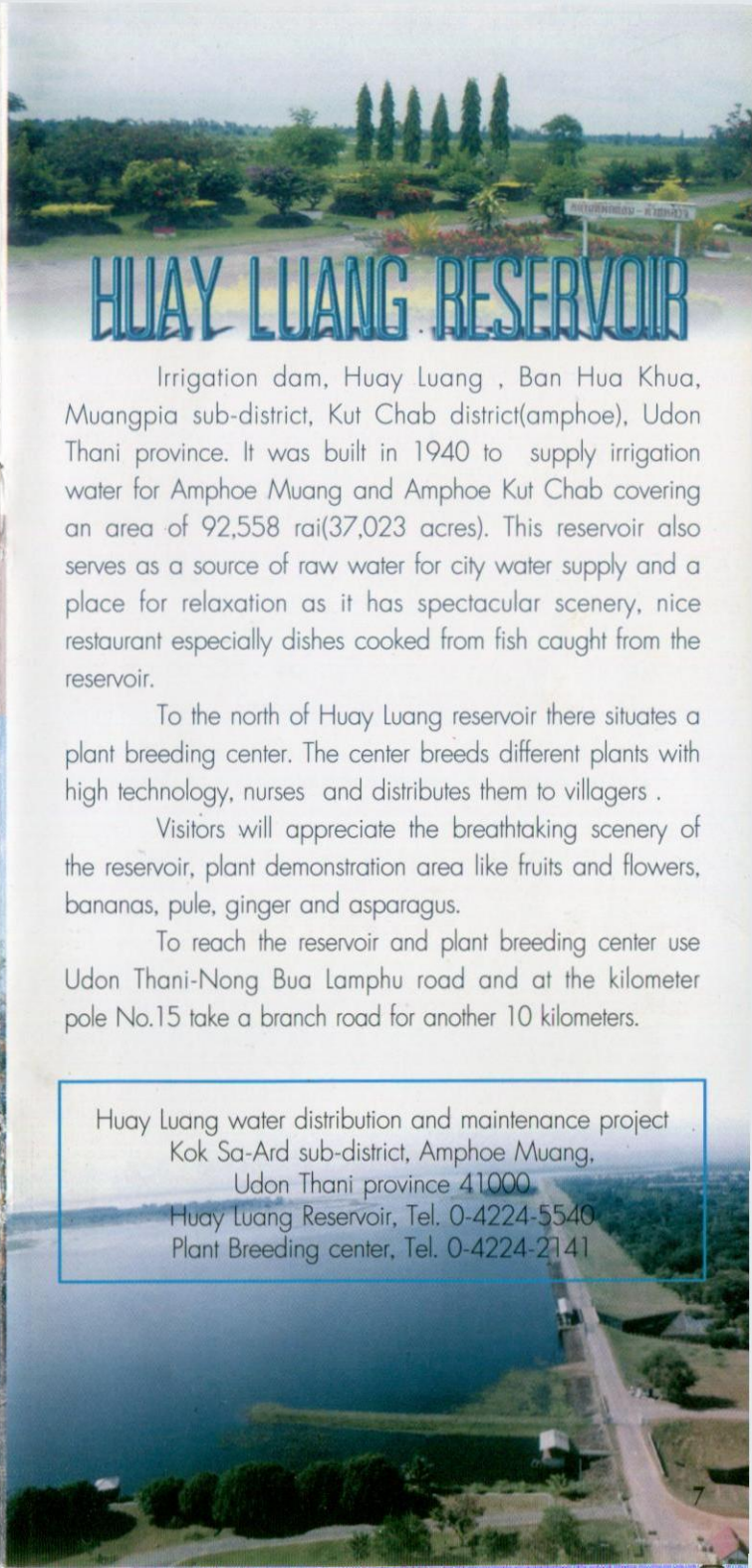
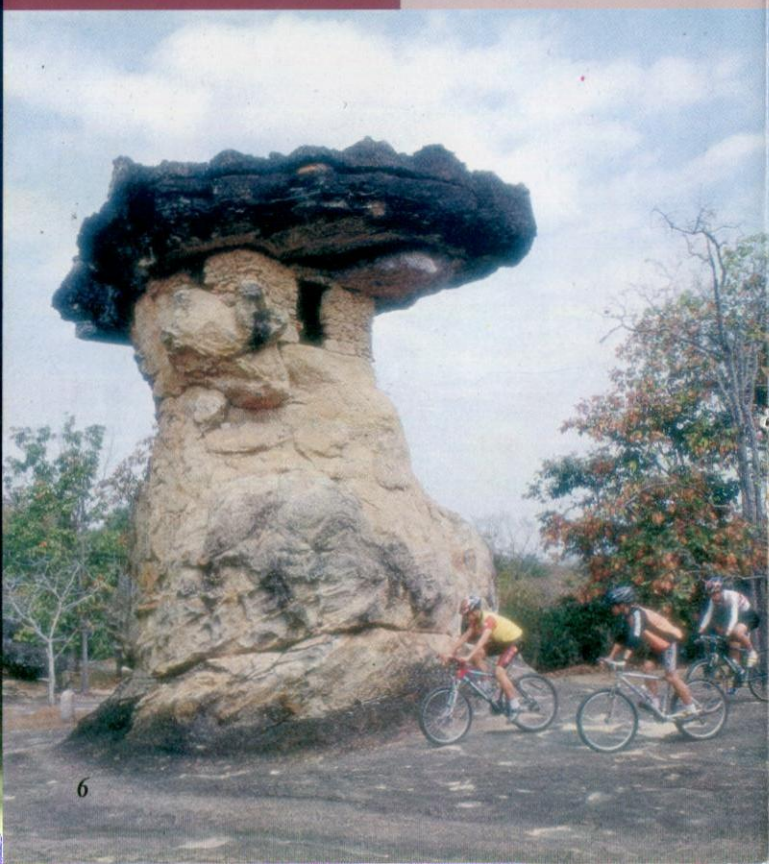


Pho Ta (father-in-law), Wat Luk Khoei (son-in-law), Baros's stable and hermit's cave, but in reality these places were constructed by ancient people thousands of years in the past. We can say that this is the most significant historical site of upper part of north-eastern region. Department of fine Arts has announced the registration of Phu Pha Bat a historical

Since 1989 Phu Pha Bat has been conserved and developed to Phu Pha Bat historical park, an important studying and tourist site of Udon Thani.

site covering an area of 3,430 rais as per Royal decree, volume 98, dated 28 April, 1981

Contact Historical Park of Phu Pha Bat, Call Tel. 01 - 8718983



HUAY LUANG RESERVOIR

Irrigation dam, Huay Luang , Ban Hua Khua, Muangpia sub-district, Kut Chab district(amphoe), Udon Thani province. It was built in 1940 to supply irrigation water for Amphoe Muang and Amphoe Kut Chab covering an area of 92,558 rai(37,023 acres). This reservoir also serves as a source of raw water for city water supply and a place for relaxation as it has spectacular scenery, nice restaurant especially dishes cooked from fish caught from the reservoir.

To the north of Huay Luang reservoir there situates a plant breeding center. The center breeds different plants with high technology, nurses and distributes them to villagers .

Visitors will appreciate the breathtaking scenery of the reservoir, plant demonstration area like fruits and flowers, bananas, pule, ginger and asparagus.

To reach the reservoir and plant breeding center use Udon Thani-Nong Bua Lamphu road and at the kilometer pole No.15 take a branch road for another 10 kilometers.

Huay Luang water distribution and maintenance project
Kok Sa-Ard sub-district, Amphoe Muang,
Udon Thani province 41000
Huay Luang Reservoir, Tel. 0-4224-5540
Plant Breeding center, Tel. 0-4224-2141

PHU FOI LOM

LOCATION AND BOUNDARY

National Reserve Forest of Pandon-Pako covers an area of 192,356 rai(769,424 acres) and in Phu Phan Noi range, Tabkung sub-district, Nongsaeng district, Udon Thani province.

Phu Foi Lom has been improved to be a conservative tourist site since 1998-1999. After the improvement this place will be one of the best for natural study of north-eastern region. From the top of Phu Foi Lom one can see the city of Udon Thani.

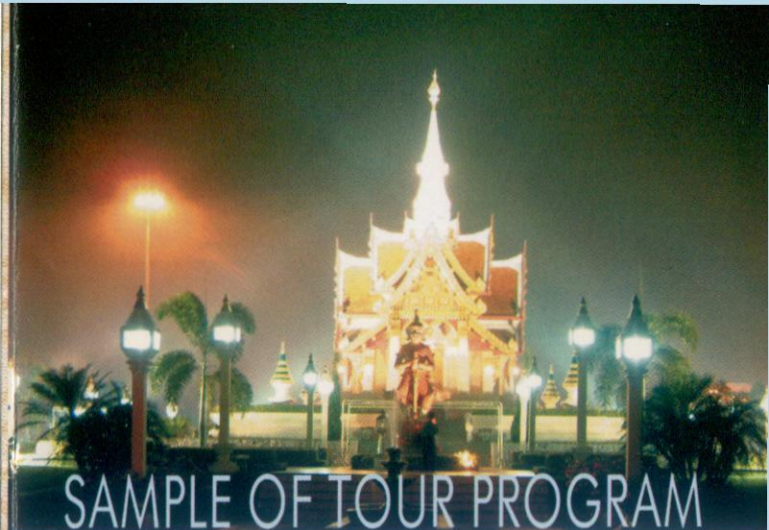
Mainly quiet and beautiful scenery, fresh air and wide prairie with wild animals like antelopes, rabbits and birds will be expected. You can experience many types of forests and prairie. The area is suitable most for hiking.

- Forestation lot of reserve forest project
- National "Lhae Ta Fa" Pandon-Pako forest
- Collection of wild trees, 60 years of her majesty Queen's project

Travelling To Phu Foi Lom:

It is 35 kilometers southward from Udon Thani. The travelling is convenient throughout the year.

More information can be obtained from
Regional Forestry Office Udon Thani
Tel 0-4222-1725 Ext. 172-174
Forest Resource conservation section
0-4222-1725 Ext. 163
Forestry academic group



SAMPLE OF TOUR PROGRAM

Program 1:

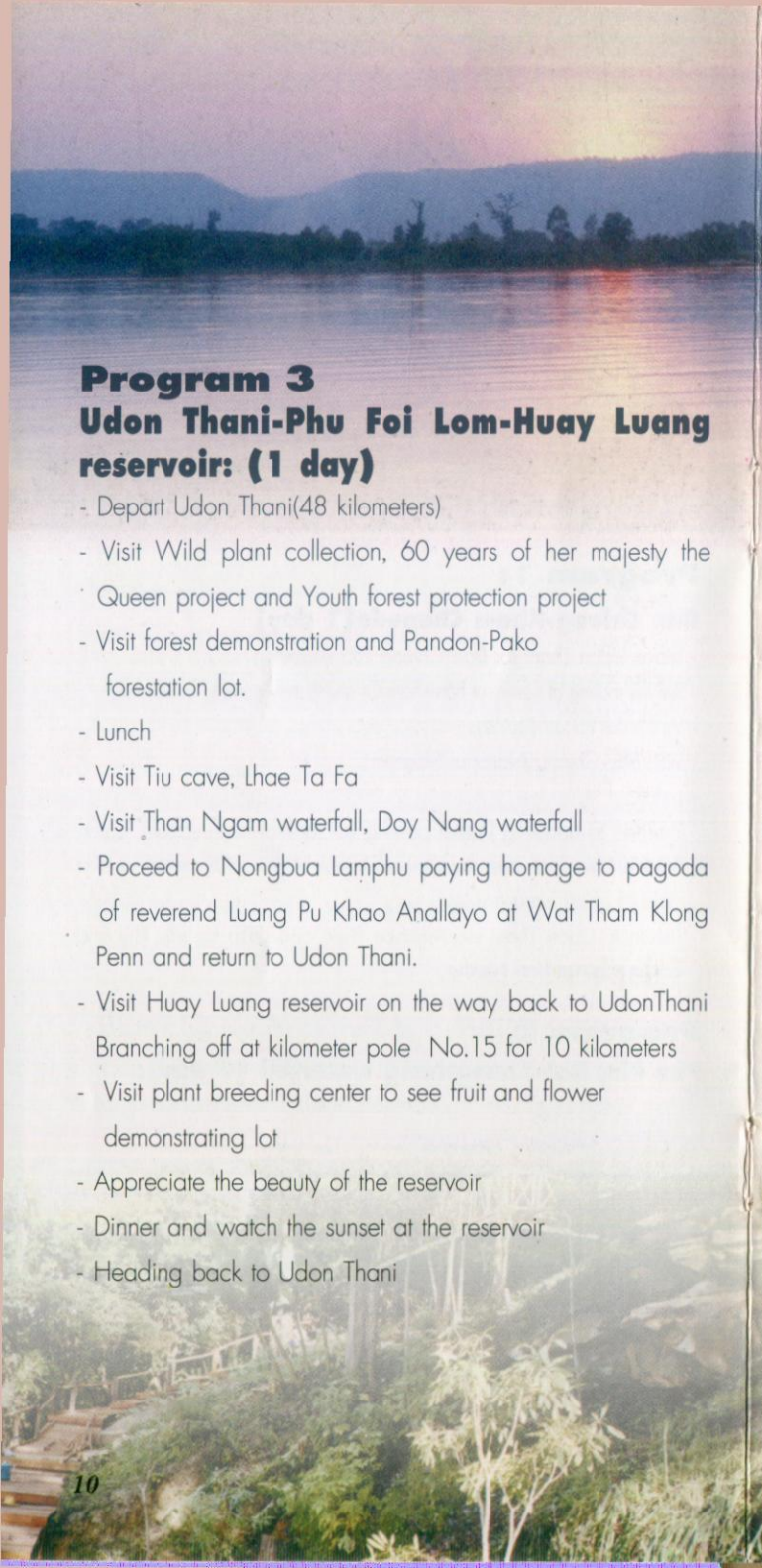
Ban Chiang-Kham Chanode(1 day)

- Leave Udon Thani for Ban Chiang (56 kilometers)
- See the making of pottery at Ban Kham-Or and pottery painting at Ban Pulu
- Visit Wat Phosri Nai site
- Visit Ban Chiang National Museum
- Lunch
- Proceed to Bandung District passing salt farm of north-eastern region
- Visit Kham Chanode, the dense forest of 20 rai(8 acres) and a tale of ghost hired movies
- Return to Udon Thani via Amphoe Phen and shop for silk, khit and cotton cloth at Ban Nakha

Program 2

Phu Pha Bat-Yoongthong waterfall (1 day):

- Visit Udon Sunshine fragrant orchids farm and dancing tree, purchase Udon Sunshine perfume
- Depart Udon to historical park of Phu Pha Bat, Ban Phue district, (app.68 kilometers)
- Visit Phra Phutthabat Bua Bok (a Holy Footprint)
- Visit historical park of Phu Pha Bat, Nang Usa tower, historical paintings
- Lunch
- Proceed to Nayoong district, passing Namsom district and to Yoongthong waterfall
- Visit forest temples which are quiet and suitable for meditation
- Return to Udon Thani



Program 3

Udon Thani-Phu Foi Lom-Huay Luang reservoir: (1 day)

- Depart Udon Thani(48 kilometers)
- Visit Wild plant collection, 60 years of her majesty the Queen project and Youth forest protection project
- Visit forest demonstration and Pandon-Pako forestation lot.
- Lunch
- Visit Tiu cave, Lhae Ta Fa
- Visit Than Ngam waterfall, Doy Nang waterfall
- Proceed to Nongbua Lamphu paying homage to pagoda of reverend Luang Pu Khao Anallayo at Wat Tham Klong Penn and return to Udon Thani.
- Visit Huay Luang reservoir on the way back to UdonThani
Branching off at kilometer pole No.15 for 10 kilometers
- Visit plant breeding center to see fruit and flower demonstrating lot
- Appreciate the beauty of the reservoir
- Dinner and watch the sunset at the reservoir
- Heading back to Udon Thani

Telephone numbers of Accommodations

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| 1. Charoensri Grand Royal | Tel. 042-343555, Fax. 042-343550-2 |
| 2. Charoen Hotel | Tel. 042-248155, 042-246122-4,
Fax. 042-241093 |
| 3. Naphalai Hotel | Tel. 042-347420-46, Fax. 042-347447-8 |
| 4. Ban Chlang Hotel | Tel. 042-327911-20, Fax. 042-223200 |
| 5. Udon Airport Hotel | Tel. 042-346223-4, Fax. 042-346514 |
| 6. Ton Khoon Hotel | Tel. 042-326336-45, Fax. 042-326349 |
| 7. Udon Hotel | Tel. 042-248160, Fax. 042-242782 |
| 8. Siri Grand Hotel | Tel. 042-324514-9, Fax. 042-205030 |
| 9. Charoensri Palace | Tel. 042-242611-3, Fax. 042-222601 |
| 10. Paradise Hotel | Tel. 042-221956 |
| 11. Siri Udon Hotel | Tel. 042-222330, Fax. 042-221658 |
| 12. Srivichai Hotel | Tel. 042-222624 |
| 13. Chaiporn Hotel | Tel. 042-221913, 042-221144 |
| 14. Mitpracha Hotel | Tel. 042-242522-3 |
| 15. King's Hotel | Tel. 042-241444, Fax. 042-243870 |
| 16. Queen Hotel | Tel. 042-221451 |
| 17. Phen Resort | Tel. 042-245355 |
| 18. Chan Muang Resort | Tel. 042-243815, Fax. 042-295130 |
| 19. Karin Hotel | Tel. 042-320515-22 |

Telephone numbers of transport facilities

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| 1. Transport Company(99, 999) | Tel. 042-221489 |
| 2. 407 Company | Tel. 042-423800, 042-241598 |
| 3. Chan Tour | Tel. 042-343443 |
| 4. Rung Prasert Tour | Tel. 042-343616 |
| 5. Sayan Tour | Tel. 042-343492 |
| 6. Sri Chlangmai Tour | Tel. 042-344499 |
| 7. Chakkrapong Tour | Tel. 042-221121 |
| 8. Nong Bua Lamphoo Tour | Tel. 042-346391 |
| 9. Isan Tour | Tel. 042-343703 |

- Udon Thani Railway Station	Tel. 042-222061
- Udon Thani Airport	Tel. 042-222845,244426
- Thai International, Udon Thani	Tel. 042-243222, 042-246567
- Air Asia	Tel. 02-515-9999,042-244313-5
- Nok Air	Tel. 1318,042-348771-2
- Phuket Air	Tel. 042-244392, 244560

Essential Places Telephone numbers

1. Udon Thani Hospital	Tel. 042-248586, 042-348888
2. Doctor Phairoj Hospital	Tel. 042-248101-5,042-246706-7
3. Wattana Hospital	Tel. 042-325500-9
4. Panyawej Hospital	Tel. 042-343111
5. Khai Prachak Hospital	Tel. 042-341710
6. Ek Udon Hospital	Tel. 042-342555
7. Chai Kasem Hospital	Tel. 042-243385
8. Rattana Bhaet Hospital	Tel. 042-247713
9. Ban Chiang National Museum	Tel. 042-208340-1
10. Historical Park of Phu Phra Bat	Tel. 01-8718983
11. Udon Thani Information Office	Tel. 042-223708
12. Udon Thani Provincial Office	Tel. 042-223304
13. Udon Thani Police station	Tel. 042-222285, 042-328515-9
14. Udon Thani Industrial Support office	Tel. 042-207232-7
15. Ratchabhat Institute	Tel. 042-211040-9
16. Udon Thani Municipality	Tel. 042-325176-85
17. Tourist Police	Tel. 042-240616
18. Udon Thani Tourism business Association	Tel. 042-243182

UDON THANI MONTHLY EVENTS

January:

- New year's celebration
- Commemoration ceremony of the foundation of Udon Thani

February:

- Gilding of Holy Footprint

March:

- Ban Chiang World Heritage Fair
- Chao Pu-Chao Ya fair
- Mango Fair, Amphoe Nong Wua So

April:

- Food road, Songkran festival

May:

- Bang Fai Lan festival(solid fueled bamboo rockets), BanThat District

June:

- Natural Attraction,Rice growing

July:

- Decorated wax candle trees contest, beginning of Buddhist lent

October:

- Row boat racing, end of Buddhist lent

November:

- Hot air balloon festival, Amphoe Phiboonrak
- Loi Krathong festival

December:

- Annual fair at Toong Sri Muang Park, and Mee Khit fabric fair (Hom Pha Laeng, dinner-Isan style)

MAP OF UDON THANI

